POTASH & PHOSPHATE INSTITUTE
POTASH REPORT SUMMARY
(Short Tons K2O)

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	CANADIAN PRODUCERS 1990	1989	Change %	UNITED STATES PRODUCERS 1990	1989	Change %	TOTAL CANADIAN & U.S. PRODUCERS 1990	1989	Change %
Beginning Inventory	1,722,855	1,695,458	1.6%	336,039	285,101	17.9%	2,058,894	1,980,559	4.0%
(+) Production	589,105	710,982	-17.1%	142,991	131,809	8.5%	732,096	842,791	-13.1%
(-) Ending Inventory	1,807,635	1,913,728	-5.5%	366,050	321,033	14.0%	2,173,685	2,234,761	-2.7%
(=) Total Disappearance	504,325	492,712	2.4%	112,980	95,877	17.8%	617,305	588,589	4.9%
(-) Exports	235,528	203,311	15.8%	23,146	21,830	6.0%	258,674	225,141	14.9%
(=) Disappearance-Canada & United States	268,797	289,401	-7.1%	89,834	74,047	21.3%	358,631	363,448	-1.3%

EIGHT MONTHS (JULY-FEBRUARY) OF THE FERTILIZER YEAR

	CANADIAN PRODUCERS 1989/90	'88/89	Change %	UNITED STATES PRODUCERS 1989/90	'88/89	Change %	TOTAL CANADIAN & U.S. PRODUCERS 1989/90	'88/89	Change %
Beginning Inventory	2,010,651	1,306,920	53.8%	221,730	160,093	38.5%	2,232,381	1,467,013	52.2%
(+) Production	4,621,793	5,815,585	-20.5%	1,205,992	1,075,775	12.1%	5,827,785	6,891,360	-15.4%
(-) Ending Inventory	1,807,635	1,913,728	-5.5%	366,050	321,033	14.0%	2,173,685	2,234,761	-2.7%
(=) Total Disappearance	4,824,809	5,208,777	-7.4%	1,061,672	914,835	16.1%	5,886,481	6,123,612	-3.9%
(-) Exports	1,821,872	2,327,828	-21.7%	274,808	308,869	-11.0%	2,096,680	2,636,697	-20.5%
(=) Disappearance-Canada & United States	3,002,937	2,880,949	4.2%	786,864	605,966	29.9%	3,789,801	3,486,915	8.7%

MONTH-END INVENTORIES - CANADIAN AND U.S. PRODUCERS
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	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
FY 1989/90	2,232	1,748	2,002	2,142	2,391	2,093	2,059	2,174				
FY 1988/89	1,406	1,261	1,491	1,636	1,774	1,760	1,981	2,235	2,367	2,149	2,075	2,232

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TOTAL BY U. S. AND CANADIAN PRODUCERS
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	PRODUCTION		ENDING INVENTORY February 28				DISAPPEARANCE	
	1990	FEB 1989	MINE SITE	OFFSITE	1990	1989	1990	FEB 1989
MURIATE								
Special Standard	7,368	22,499	13,430	25,253	38,683	32,269	5,367	6,265
Standard	163,662	231,810	419,631	229,457	649,088	571,132	227,269	229,823
Chemical	10,889	14,470	7,327	5,618	12,945	11,574	14,921	10,768
Coarse	190,986	240,342	201,467	367,135	568,602	763,187	87,082	107,916
Granular	265,808	250,775	420,242	230,900	651,142	637,481	206,177	176,911
Soluble	58,713	59,674	88,617	70,963	159,580	165,515	49,351	33,245
Sulphates	34,670	23,221	71,666	21,979	93,645	53,603	27,138	23,661
TOTAL:	732,096	842,791	1,222,380	951,305	2,173,685	2,234,761	617,305	588,589

	AGRICULTURAL SALES				NON-AGRICULTURAL SALES				TOTAL AG & NON-AG SALES	
	U.S. & CANADA		EXPORTS		U.S. & CANADA		EXPORTS		FEBRUARY	
	1990	FEB 1989	1990	FEB 1989	1990	FEB 1989	1990	FEB 1989	1990	1989
MURIATE										
Special Std	12	-	5,793	6,256	-	-	-	-	5,805	6,256
Standard	26,431	30,284	179,533	160,612	18,598	20,364	601	344	225,163	211,604
Chemical	-	-	-	-	7,744	7,077	275	171	8,019	7,248
Coarse	95,203	121,947	9,769	15,917	-	-	-	-	104,972	137,864
Granular	162,122	117,350	32,241	28,061	-	-	-	-	194,363	145,411
Soluble	23,399	20,128	6,390	7,044	11,019	9,787	15,843	-	56,651	36,959
Sulphates	19,942	16,887	5,229	6,736	680	442	-	-	25,851	24,065
TOTAL:	327,109	306,596	238,955	224,626	38,041	37,670	16,719	515	620,824	569,407

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	1990	FEB 1989	MINE SITE	OFFSITE	1990	1989	1990	FEB 1989
MURIATE								
Special Standard	7,368	22,499	13,430	25,253	38,683	32,269	5,367	6,265
Standard	132,933	191,695	313,022	228,598	541,620	442,937	201,191	203,528
Chemical	10,410	13,885	6,336	5,618	11,954	10,738	13,989	10,008
Coarse	181,415	226,300	183,887	367,135	551,022	740,089	77,116	92,051
Granular	204,044	199,994	286,189	222,637	508,826	530,865	159,835	150,000
Soluble	52,935	56,609	84,567	70,963	155,530	156,830	46,827	30,860
TOTAL	589,105	710,982	887,431	920,204	1,807,635	1,913,728	504,325	492,712

	AGRICULTURAL SALES				NON-AGRICULTURAL SALES				TOTAL AG & NON-AG SALES	
	U.S. & CANADA		EXPORTS		U.S. & CANADA		EXPORTS		FEBRUARY	
	1990	FEB 1989	1990	FEB 1989	1990	FEB 1989	1990	FEB 1989	1990	1989
MURIATE										
Special Std	12	-	5,793	6,256	-	-	-	-	5,805	6,256
Standard	18,157	13,162	171,206	158,757	8,025	10,695	-	12	197,388	182,626
Chemical	-	-	-	-	6,773	6,361	275	151	7,048	6,512
Coarse	88,358	113,398	7,250	9,095	-	-	-	-	95,608	122,493
Granular	120,989	95,344	25,771	21,996	-	-	-	-	146,760	117,340
Soluble	19,425	18,601	6,390	7,044	10,888	9,107	15,843	-	52,546	34,752
TOTAL	246,941	240,505	216,410	203,148	25,686	26,163	16,118	163	505,155	469,979

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	PRODUCTION		ENDING INVENTORY February 28				DISAPPEARANCE	
	1990 FEB	1989	MINE SITE	OFFSITE	1990	1989	1990 FEB	1989
MURIATE								
Standard	30,729	40,115	106,609	859	107,468	128,195	26,078	26,295
Chemical	479	585	991	-	991	836	932	760
Coarse	9,571	14,042	17,580	-	17,580	23,098	9,966	15,865
Granular	61,764	50,781	134,053	8,263	142,316	106,616	46,342	26,911
Soluble	5,778	3,065	4,050	-	4,050	8,685	2,524	2,385
Sulphates	34,670	23,221	71,666	21,979	93,645	53,603	27,138	23,661
TOTAL	142,991	131,809	334,949	31,101	366,050	321,033	112,980	95,877

	AGRICULTURAL SALES				NON-AGRICULTURAL SALES				TOTAL AG & NON-AG SALES FEBRUARY	
	U.S. & CANADA		EXPORTS		U.S. & CANADA		EXPORTS			
	1990 FEB	1989	1990 FEB	1989	1990 FEB	1989	1990 FEB	1989	1990	1989
MURIATE										
Standard	8,274	17,122	8,327	1,855	10,573	9,669	601	332	27,775	28,978
Chemical	-	-	-	-	971	716	-	20	971	736
Coarse	6,845	8,549	2,519	6,822	-	-	-	-	9,364	15,371
Granular	41,133	22,006	6,470	6,065	-	-	-	-	47,603	28,071
Soluble	3,974	1,527	-	-	131	680	-	-	4,105	2,207
Sulphates	19,942	16,887	5,229	6,736	680	442	-	-	25,851	24,065
TOTAL	80,168	66,091	22,545	21,478	12,355	11,507	601	352	115,669	99,428